he level of State Directorates of Industries. Investment limit for this sector has been revised upwards to Rs. 60 lakhs and that for ancillary units to Rs. 75 lakhs.

(e) Existing units are permitted to manufacture any article without additional investment under broad-banding subject to certain conditions.

(f) Amendment to the MRTP Act has removed the threshold limit of assets in respect of MRTP companies.

(g) Government decided to discontinue with imposition of the additional conditions in Letter of Intent/Industrial License in the case of Colour TV industry.

Import and Export Policies:

(a) Access to foreign exchange for the import of capital goods, parts and components required has been provided freely through the system of partial convertibility introduced in the Budget 1992-93.

(b) Tools, Dies, Moulds are available under OGL at concessional rate of custom duty.

(c) The New Exim Policy allows free import of inputs except a few items covered under the negative list.

(d) The exporter of TV sets are now eligible for import licences to import populated, loaded or stuffed printed circuit boards and Video Tape Deck Mechanism including front and top loading cassette mechanism. The value of import licence will be limited to 30 per cent of the FOB value of export realisation.

Electronic Technology Park: z

Government is considering a proposal to set up Electronic Technology parks to attract major international electronic companies to establish global scale manufacturing facilities incorporating the latest technology. This will also help Indian enterprises to attain global scales of operations and thereby enhance their product and process quality and international competitiveness.

Velocity of Business:

Action has been initiated for improving the Velocity of Business in the Electronic Industry. It aims at removing procedural bottlenecks pertaining to licensing, customs, infrastructure etc. to speed up the development of Electronic Industry.

II. Infrastructure and other facilities:

(a) For developing awareness of quality, a network of Standardisation, Testing and Quality Control (STQC) Laboratories have been set up. Some of these laboratories are authorised to test and certify for international and national quality standards. This must help in the export of electronic products.

(b) To assure consumers quality production , B&W TV and CTV Certification schemes have been introduced.

(c) For exports to "Single European market after 1992", the industry is being offered help and assistance in preparation to meet the ISO 9000 requirements.

(d) Technology Development projects have been initiated by Technology Development Council; with a view to promote innovation, product design and development which are all basic for the growth of a healthy industry.

(e) Electronics Research and Development Centres have been set up to carry out R&D in well identified areas which is also a measure for developing self reliant industrial base.

(f) A number of Centres for Electronics Design and Technology (CEDTs) have been set up in various parts of the country with the basic objective of imparting training with emphasis on aspects such as design, product development, technology and manufacturing processes with due regard to quality control, reliability, maintenance etc.

(g) Six months Service Technician Training Programme for repart and maintenance of common consumer electronic products has been initiated in 101 ITIs.

New Project for the Commercial Production of Gallium

2013. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have cleared a new project for the

commercial production of gallium a vital raw material for the electronics industry, in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the new project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir. However, a project proposal namely, "Demonstration plant for extraction, refining, testing and characterisation of Gallium metal to 6N/7N purity" is under consideration for partial assistance from UNDP. This project would be implemented jointly by National Aluminium Company (NALCO) under the Department of Mines and Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET), an autonomous registered society under the administrative control of the Department of Electronics.

(b) Does not arise.

Diversification of activities of Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation

2014. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public sector Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation is proposing to diversify its activities to set up a manufacturing unit for software;

(b) whether colour television sets manufactured by the ET&T have not become popular with the consumers and several complaints made about their performance have not been attended to promptly; and

(c) what is the capacity of this organisation to diversify its activities, instead of concentrating on its main business of computer software?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) ET&T has taken over the management of Software Technology Park (STP), Gandhinagar set up by the Software Technology Park of India (STPI), a registered Society under the administrative control of the Department of Electronics. STP is a 100 per cent Export Oriented Project, catering to the needs of software development for 100 per cent export through data links.

(b) Presently, ET&T is not manufacturing colour TV sets. ET&T under its Material Technology and Brand Name (MTB) programme provides ready to assemble kits to various TV manufacturers. TV sets produced by manufacturers under this programme are marketed by them directly and after-sales-service are provided by the manufacturers directly. However, ET&T provides after-sales-service promptly in cases where it buys assembled sets from MTB manufacturers and market itself

(c) ET&T has a pool of technically competent personnel who can handle the new thrust areas undertaken by the Corporation.

विभिन्न परियोजनाओं में प्रतिनियुक्ति पर गए कम्प्यूटर विशेषज्ञ

2015. श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर :
श्री कृष्ण लाल शर्मा :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कम्प्यूटर और संस्कृत संबंधी विभिन्न परियोजनाओं में सुयोग्य और प्रशिक्षित कम्प्यूटर विशेषज्ञ प्रतिनियुक्ति पर नियुक्त करने और संस्कृत प्रोसेसिंग सॉफ्टवेयर प्रदान करने की दिशा में क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं;

(ख) प्रत्येक परियोजना का, इन परियोजनाओं में कम्प्यूटर विशेषज्ञों के पदों का और उनमें नियुक्त किए गए कम्प्यूटर विशेषज्ञों की योग्यता और अनुभव का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) संस्कृत के कौन-कौन से विश्वविद्यालयों और स्कूलों (विद्यापीठों में